United Nations E/CN.17/2010/12

Economic and Social Council

Distr.: General
18 February 2010

Original: English

Commission on Sustainable Development
Eighteenth session
3-14 May 2010
Item 3 of the provisional agenda*
Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2010-2011 — review session

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013: subprogramme 4, Sustainable development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs

Note by the Secretary-General

The present note by the Secretary-General contains the biennial programme plan of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013 for subprogramme 4, Sustainable development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs. The Commission is invited to review the plan and to provide its comments thereon. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its fiftieth session. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session for consideration in the context of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013.

* E/CN.17/2010/1.

10-24549 (E) 100310

Please recycle

Subprogramme 4
Sustainable development

Objective of the Organization: To accelerate the implementation of sustainable development goals, targets and commitments in accordance with internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, in particular the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effective review of and agreement on key sustainable development challenges and priority actions of the multi-year programme of work to advance implementation in the areas of forests, biodiversity, biotechnology, tourism and mountains	(a) Increased level of satisfaction on the part of Member States with the support and servicing of the intergovernmental process, including activities related to consensus-building, the functioning of the Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development, the partnership fair, the Learning Centre and the participation of major groups *Performance measures* Estimate 2008-2009: 81 per cent Estimate 2010-2011: 85 per cent Target 2012-2013: 86 per cent
(b) Increased accessibility of information and knowledge on policy options, practical measures and concrete actions needed for the adoption and implementation of sustainable development at the local, national, regional and international levels	(b) (i) Increased number of inputs by Member States into databases on case studies, partnerships, best practices and lessons learned *Performance measures* Estimate 2008-2009: 30 inputs Estimate 2010-2011: 40 inputs Target 2012-2013: 42 inputs (ii) Increased number of visits to and downloads from the website of the Division for Sustainable Development *Performance measures* Estimate 2008-2009: 4.5 million website visits Estimate 2010-2011: 4.5 million website visits Target 2012-2013: 4.6 million website visits

(c) Enhanced technical, human and institutional capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to implement actions and national strategies for sustainable development in energy, water, natural resources and sustainable consumption and production	(c) (i) Increased number of countries expressing satisfaction with advisory, technical cooperation and capacity-building services to achieve their sustainable development goals *Performance measures* Estimate 2008-2009: 92 per cent of countries indicating usefulness of advisory services and projects Estimate 2010-2011: 93 per cent of countries indicating usefulness of advisory services and projects Target 2012-2013: 94 per cent of countries indicating usefulness of advisory services and projects (ii) Increased number of national staff trained, resulting in enhanced knowledge and skills *Performance measures* Estimate 2008-2009: 230 national staff trained Estimate 2010-2011: 240 national staff trained Target 2012-2013: 250 national staff trained

Strategy

The Division for Sustainable Development is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Promoting and supporting effective, coherent and coordinated implementation of the sustainable development agenda of the United Nations, including Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, as well as the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, at the national, regional and global levels, with an emphasis on the greater integration of social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development through, inter alia, national sustainable development strategies;

(b) Providing substantive and effective support, including policy development and analysis, to intergovernmental processes, in particular to the

Commission on Sustainable Development and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development to be held in 2012;

(c) Providing coordinated and coherent support to system-wide, inter-agency activities for the implementation of sustainable development goals;

(d) Providing technical and policy advisory services to Member States, including small island developing States, at their request, to enhance their capacity to develop, implement, monitor and review national sustainable development strategies and action plans on sustainable consumption and production, as well as actions and strategies to manage water, energy resources and responses to climate change, and to implement effective information, monitoring, review and reporting systems at the national and regional levels;

(e) Strengthening cooperation with major groups and identifying opportunities for their further engagement in the work of the United Nations in the area of sustainable development;

(f) Undertaking in-depth analysis and evaluation of trends in the implementation of sustainable development, including lessons learned, best practices and new challenges, and cross-sectoral analysis of sustainable development in the economic, energy, climate change, water and natural resources sectors;

(g) Maintaining and improving transparent, user-friendly and easily accessible websites, including database systems for information on sustainable development;

(h) Providing information and summary reports on partnerships for sustainable development to the Commission on Sustainable Development and to Member States.